State Representatives & Directors (JSR&D) Conference. The JSR&D Conference has not made any recommendation in this regard so far.

(b) JSR&D Conference has recommenfled an increase of messing allowance from Rs. 10 to Rs. 15 per cadet per day for attending NCC camps. Revision of such tates of allowance requirs the prior concurranc of a majority of the State Governments and Union territory Administrations (UTAs). The State Governments and UTAs have been requested to the enchanced rate.

Conversion of leased defence lands into free hold.

1250. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the criteria for conversion of leased land into free hold where such lands are not required for defence and public purposes in various cantonments and in occupation of civilians, retired defence personnel and others for residential and commercial purposes;

(b) what are the details of the prescribed conversion charges for such land/sites and the competent authorities empowered to sanction such conversions; and

(c) what are the names of the cantonments and their Administrators/Management authorities cantonment wise ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENC (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) to (c) For purpose of administration, areas with in Cantonments are divided into two categories.

Bazar Areas or Notified Civil Areas and Bungalow Areas consiting of bungalows of Government as well as private citizens. Land in the Bazar Areas held on Old Grant terms, surplus to Defence requirements, can be converted into Free-hold if not required for any public purposes, on payment of charges which are equal to 40 times the standard table of rents i.e., at open market rates.

Conversion into Free-hold will be restricted to the actual built up areas, including such open spaces as are too small to be independently leased out and will also be subject to the land ceiling laws.

Sites held on lease under the Government Land Administration Rules, which are not required for any Defence or other public purposes, can also be converted into Free-hold on payment of full market value of the land, allowing a rebate equal to the part of the premium proportionate to the unexpired portion of the lease.

The facility for conversion of lease-hold into free-hold is not available in respect of Bungalow Areas.

The competent authority to sanction the conversion of lease-hold into free-hold is the Ministry of Defence.

There are 62 Cantonments, as given in the Statement (*See below*). Cantonment Boards are statutory bodies with elected representatives and an equal number of officials who are ex-officio members. The Station Commander serves as the ex-officio President of the Cantonment Board. The GOC-in-C of the Army Command has statutory and administrative powers to regulate the functioning of the Cantonments. The GOC-in-C functions under the overall supervision and control of the Central Government. The day-to-day administration of the Cantonments is carried out by a Cantonment Executive Officer appointed for each Cantonment by the Central Government.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Cantonment	Sl. No.	Name of the Cantonment
1	2	1	2
	HQRS Central Command		*HQRS Western Command*
1	Agra	1	Ambala
2	Almora	2	Amritsar
3	Allahabad	3	Dagshai
4	Babina	4	Delhi
5	Bareilly	5	Ferojpore
6	Chakrata	6	Jullundur
7	Clement Town	7	Jutogh
8	Dehradun	8	Kasauli
9	Danapur	9	Subathu
10	Faizabad		*HQRS Northern Command*
11	Fatehgarh		
12	Jabalpur		
13	Jhansi	1	Badamibagh
14	Kanpur	2	Bakloh
15	Landour	3	Dalhousie
16	Lansdown	4	Jammu
17	Lucknow	5	Khasyol
18	Mathura		
19	Merrut		
20	Mhow		
21	Morar		
22	Nainital		
23	Pachmarhi		
24	Ramgarh		
25	Ranikhet		
26	Roorkee		
27	Saugor		
28	Shahjahanpur		
29	Varanasi		

1	2	1	2
HQRS Eastern Command			
1	Barrackpore		
2	Jalapahar		
3	Lebong		
4	Shillong		
HQRS Southern Command			
1	Ajmer	10	Kirkee
2	Ahmednagar	11	Nasirabad
3	Ahmedabad	12	Pune
4	Aurangabad	13	St. Thomas Mt.
5	Belgaum	14	Secundrerabad
6	Cannanore	15	Wellington
7	Dehu Road	TOTAL	62
8	Deolali		
9	Kamptee		

Goodwill operation in J/K by Army

1251. SHRI SHABBIR AHMED SALARIA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Army has launched a goodwill operation in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so the details thereof ?

THE DEFENCE MINISTER (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) and (b) Operation "GOODWILL" was launched by the Indian Army in the Kashmir Valley on the 25th of December 1991. It is an on going civic action programme for infsing confidence amongest the local population and providing basic assistance for improving health hygiene sanitation etc. Besides providing primary medical aid a number of specialised medical camps have been organised at various places and programmes for rehabilitation of widows and destitutes repairs of school building construction of bus sheds improvement of water channels maintenance of Ziarat establishment of wood carving and handicraft centres planting of saplings construction of children parks play grounds and organisation of sports activities have been undertaken and public grievances and development projects have been pursued with the civil administration.

Modernisation of Army, Navy and Air Force

1252. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV :

SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any plan to modernise its Army, Airforce and Navy at the level of most modern countries of the World like U.S.A., UK and France etc.; and